

Dear CT. Representative

Increased gun control is a cop out. Very little discussion on why today's society, families and school systems produce violent individuals and how to improve. What is the real root cause? Broken families, lack of a love, secularity, TV/movie/video violence? Why can't the politicians discuss the real root cause. It is too hard to fix?

My thoughts:

- Enforce existing gun laws.
- Improve background checks for gun purchases.
- Reduce violence on TV, movies, media. Why does Hollywood get a pass?
- Improve access to mental health professionals
- A required school class starting from kindergarten that teaches human caring, compassion and love for fellow human. You don't have to be religious to teach love. Maybe use pets.
- Teachers have mandatory training on identifying troubled children and how to handle/refer for counseling.
- School nurses trained for mental health issues and identification of potentially violent children.
- Access to mental health professionals for troubled children referred to by teachers and school nurse.
- All schools should have non-lethal and/or lethal defensive equipment and personal trained to use it. Instead of running and hiding stand up and defend oneself.

I enjoy legally hunting deer and waterfowl. Been handling guns without a mishap for more than 40 years. The politicians want to put a 50% tax on ammunition, require insurance and outlaw weapons that look military. In the wrong hands a shotgun or deer rifle can also kill. What gun style will they outlaw next? No one was armed in the school. Going after military style guns does not address root cause. A feel good law that does nothing to stop gun violence. The criminals will not turn in their guns. Disarming the law abiding public will not reduce gun violence. Lets discuss root cause.

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